

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
3 NASHVILLE DIVISION

4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
5 VS)
6 CHESTER GALLAGHER [1])
7 HEATHER IDONI [2])
8 CALVIN ZASTROW [3])
9 COLEMAN BOYD [4])
10 PAUL VAUGHN [6])
11 DENNIS GREEN [7])
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13 BEFORE THE HONORABLE ALETA A. TRAUGER, DISTRICT JUDGE
14 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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2 The above-styled cause came to be heard on
3 January 10, 2024, before the Hon. Aleta A. Trauger,
4 District Judge, when the following proceedings were had
5 at 1:36 p.m., to-wit:

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7 THE COURT: Good afternoon. We are here on
8 a pretrial conference. I'm going to go through
9 appearances in US v Chester Gallagher, et al. For the
10 government we have Amanda Klopf.

11 MS. KLOPF: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Sanjay Patel.

13 MR. BOYNTON: Mr. Patel is not present,
14 Your Honor. The Civil Rights Division is going to be
15 represented by Kyle Boynton and Wilfred Beaye.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Kyle Boynton and Wilfred
17 Beaye.

18 MR. BEAYE: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: You are?

20 MR. BEAYE: I am Wilfred Beaye.

21 THE COURT: You're Beaye, all right. And
22 Mr. Boynton is on the end.

23 MR. BOYNTON: That's me. I apologize,
24 Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: And so the additional person?

1 MS. KLOPF: Our case agent, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 And then we have Chester Gallagher

4 represented by Jodie Bell. Hello. Heather Idoni

5 represented by Mr. William Conway.

6 MR. CONWAY: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Calvin Zastrow.

8 MR. PARRIS: He's present, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Represented by Robert Parris
10 and David Komisar. Coleman Boyd represented by Kerry
11 Haymaker.

12 MR. HAYMAKER: Good afternoon, Judge.

13 THE COURT: And Steve Thornton, pro bono.

14 Paul Vaughn.

15 MR. CRAMPTON: Yes, Your Honor. Mr. Vaughn
16 represented by Stephen Crampton.

17 THE COURT: Where's Larry Crain?

18 MR. CRAMPTON: Mr. Crain is not with us
19 this afternoon. I apologize.

20 THE COURT: Did he file a motion to be
21 excused?

22 MR. CRAMPTON: He did not.

23 THE COURT: Okay. Well, he should have.

24 And Dennis Green and he's represented by
25 Ben Russ.

1 MR. RUSS: That's correct, Your Honor.

2 Mr. Green's here, obviously.

3 THE COURT: And Mr. Manson was excused.

4 Okay. We have a number of things to deal
5 with today. First in terms of kind of the logistics of
6 the courtroom, there's a huge uptick in COVID in our
7 court. I don't know if in your own experience you're
8 seeing it, but we're seeing it at our court. So I
9 presume it is in the populous in general. I'm not going
10 to require the wearing of masks, but I will tell the
11 jurors and I will tell all of you that anyone is free to
12 wear a mask. And as you know, during the pandemic we
13 conducted trials with everyone in masks, so we know that
14 lawyers can speak through masks, as can the Court. So
15 anybody who wants to wear a mask should feel free to wear
16 a mask. And I will tell the jurors that.

17 To avoid the congestion -- I usually hold
18 my bench conferences at this corner, those of you who
19 have had trials in here know that that's what we do, but
20 there's too many of you to do this. So we're going to
21 use what we used during the pandemic and that is the
22 transponders. How many of you had experience with those
23 during the pandemic? Not very many of you.

24 Well, it's a little gadget. One lawyer
25 from each team -- each team will be given one

1 transponder. And they have two or three channels on
2 them. And we can turn on the white noise so the jury
3 doesn't hear us. And the lawyers and -- can speak to me
4 and I can speak to the lawyers without the jury hearing
5 and you can remain seated. So that's how we will do
6 bench conferences. And I think we're going to probably
7 have to have a little instruction in that at some point.
8 We probably won't need too many bench conferences during
9 the jury selection, so maybe we can do it during the
10 first break during jury selection or something where
11 Ms. Beasley can show you how to use those. But that's
12 what we'll be -- what we will be doing.

13 Depending upon how many challenges for
14 cause are executed this week where those people won't
15 even show up -- and we may -- we probably will have a
16 meeting about that on Friday. I was going to be out of
17 town, but I'm not going to be out of town. So we
18 probably will assemble just the lawyers on Friday to
19 finalize the challenges for cause. And then those people
20 will just not show up at all.

21 And depending on how many are left of
22 the -- I believe 148 people completed the questionnaires,
23 and so depending on how many people are left, we will
24 either bring everybody in at one time or we will do it in
25 two groups. And we'll bring in the first half of them

1 and the other half will be stashed in two jury
2 deliberation rooms while we're dealing with the first
3 half.

4 You will be given -- as you know, the
5 computer scrambles the names and we usually give you a
6 full chart at the beginning, but we can't do it with that
7 many jurors. So they will be -- they will be brought in
8 by their -- the number that the computer gives them and I
9 always fill the back row of the jury box and then the
10 front row of the jury box and then we'll fill this side
11 and this side.

12 So they'll be brought in in the order that
13 the computer has scrambled them. But you will have their
14 jury number. You will have a list of them -- the list
15 will be in their scrambled order? Right, Katheryn? Not
16 the jury number, but the seat number.

17 COURTROOM DEPUTY: Right.

18 THE COURT: You will be given that list
19 which will have the seat number and the jury number and
20 the name and a little bit of the information from the --
21 what you normally get. Of course, you have the
22 questionnaires. And so when you question the jurors, you
23 can call their name and their seat number and their juror
24 number if you want to. And we'll have two microphones
25 and we'll ask them to stand to answer any individual

1 questions that you have.

2 I can't imagine there will be too many
3 collective questions because all the collective questions
4 are in the questionnaire. So I imagine it will be
5 individual voir dire questions.

6 I have decided, based upon the motion for
7 additional peremptory challenges, I'm going to allow each
8 defense team one additional peremptory challenge. And
9 then based on how many jurors we have left after the for
10 cause people are excused, I may give you two each. I
11 don't want to run out of jurors. So I'm going to base
12 that decision upon how many people are left.

13 I must say, you haven't made a good case at
14 all for the fact that your defenses are contrary to each
15 other. Almost every motion you have filed has been filed
16 by all of you at one time taking exactly the same
17 position. So there's not a whole lot of justification in
18 my mind to give you any additional peremptories, but I am
19 willing to give each of you one and maybe two. So that's
20 how I will make that decision.

21 MS. KLOPF: Your Honor, may I request,
22 given that the defense is getting six additional
23 peremptories that the United States be given some
24 additional peremptories too? I know they cited the
25 *Frazier* case that was held before Judge Crenshaw where he

1 gave counsel additional. I understand from speaking to
2 the lead prosecutor that the way Judge Crenshaw did that
3 was he did give defense counsel additional, but he also
4 gave the United States some additional peremptories as
5 well.

6 THE COURT: All right. I will consider
7 that.

8 MR. CRAMPTON: Your Honor, I may just add,
9 Steve Crampton for Mr. Vaughn. In the United States
10 against Handy case in the District of Columbia, while the
11 Court afforded five additional challenges to the defense,
12 it afforded no additional challenges to the plaintiff.
13 So we would object.

14 THE COURT: Okay. I will make that
15 decision.

16 All right. I'd like to go through some
17 issues in the trial -- the government's trial brief. No,
18 let me do a few more logistical things first.

19 I do allow jurors to take notes and I give
20 them an instruction on that. If you are going to use any
21 demonstrative evidence in your opening statement, please
22 run it by opposing counsel and let me know in advance if
23 there are any objections to any demonstrative evidence
24 used in opening statement.

25 We are going to start each day at 9:00 and

1 end at 5:00. If we're in the middle of a witness that
2 we're almost finished with and everybody says they can
3 stay a few minutes extra, we'll go a few minutes extra.
4 Typically I have one break in the morning, one break in
5 the afternoon, and typically an hour for lunch.

6 Once the jury is selected. We will be
7 providing them lunch in the jury deliberation room so
8 that they do not have to go out for lunch. I guess we
9 call it a semi sequestered jury. They obviously will go
10 home at night, but they will not be going out for lunch.

11 Now, on the government's trial brief, I
12 just had a few questions. I'm glad you explained what
13 blowfishing was. We've all been wondering, what's
14 blowfishing.

15 Okay. All right. On page 84, when you're
16 talking about witnesses, the cooperator Caroline Davis
17 will identify the defendants and testify about her prior
18 experience with some of the defendants. I want to ask
19 the government, I presume this is not going to be prior
20 experience participating in additional blockades with the
21 defendants.

22 MS. KLOPF: Absolutely not, Your Honor.
23 Simply -- we will skirt around any issue of a prior
24 blockade. It would just be how she met them, when she
25 met them. She did meet some of them just protesting

1 outside of other abortion clinics, so I do think that
2 will be elicited. But we will not talk about Sterling
3 Heights or any of the other blockades that happened prior
4 to this event.

5 THE COURT: Okay. She will testify she met
6 some of them protesting outside of --

7 MS. KLOPF: Exactly.

8 THE COURT: -- abortion clinics elsewhere.

9 MS. KLOPF: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Okay. And the National
11 Physical Security Policy. I guess maybe I need to ask
12 defense counsel, do you intend to use that in any way? I
13 can't see any potential relevance.

14 MS. KLOPF: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Tell me how you're going to use
16 it, Ms. Bell.

17 MS. BELL: I think that it's relevant --

18 THE COURT: Maybe you should come to the
19 podium.

20 MS. BELL: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I think
21 it is relevant cross-examination to some of the actions
22 of the witnesses that are going to be testifying.

23 THE COURT: Such as?

24 MS. BELL: Carefem employee who's under a
25 pseudonym, so I guess I can't say who, but, you know,

1 does not follow their policies and procedures.

2 THE COURT: What's the relevance of that?

3 MS. BELL: The relevance is that that
4 particular employee -- and this has come up before, is
5 going to talk about how scary it was and how fearful she
6 was and that sort of thing. And she's the same one that
7 took the video. And she wasn't afraid and she wasn't
8 fearful and she was snarky to these people.

9 THE COURT: Well, you can show all that.
10 You've all agreed now that the video's coming in, the
11 audio is coming in. It speaks for itself. So I still
12 don't see the relevance of any security policy.

13 MS. BELL: That she was so aggravated with
14 these people that she wasn't even following how they had
15 been instructed to respond.

16 THE COURT: And how did she not follow the
17 policy?

18 MS. BELL: She's not supposed to engage
19 them at all. She's not supposed to go out -- she goes in
20 the clinic -- well, actually she comes to work, she tries
21 to film them with her camera. She's allowed to go in the
22 clinic. She's going to claim that her -- the
23 government's going to claim that her ability to move
24 around was somehow hindered and that's a FACE act
25 violation, right. Well, she goes into the clinic. She

1 realized her camera didn't work on her phone, so she
2 adjusts it and goes back out and confronts them again,
3 and that's when she films the video.

4 THE COURT: Again, what's the relevance of
5 the policy? You can bring all of that out, I presume.

6 MS. BELL: I suppose her credibility, her
7 demeanor. She's going to come in and be acting as though
8 she is a victim here. And it is our position she is not.
9 And that these people were acting towards her in a
10 professional way. You know, it's annoying they're in the
11 hallway. I don't think anyone's going to dispute that.
12 It would be annoying to anyone coming to work. But they
13 were not ramping up. She was not only ramping the sort
14 of temperament out there, but that was in violation of
15 what she had been trained to do. So she's coming in, as
16 a witness, saying these people were acting
17 inappropriately in the hallway, so I think it is fair
18 game to come back and say, you were the one who went out
19 and you approached them and that was actually in
20 violation of what your own company had trained you to do.
21 I think that's fair.

22 THE COURT: And the company policy says
23 that in that situation she's supposed to do what?

24 MS. BELL: She's not supposed to engage.
25 And I actually have it. And I'll go to the portion

1 because I had seen it in their -- in the government's
2 trial brief as well. So it starts out by talking about
3 how you need to exercise good judgment. You need to act
4 and remain professional at all times. Threats,
5 threatening conduct or any other acts of aggression in
6 the workplace shall not be tolerated.

7 Then they go to antichoice protesters
8 trespass and invasion, avoid speaking with protestors and
9 discourage visitors from doing likewise. I mean, she
10 went in and got her -- and got her camera working and
11 walked back out and confronted them.

12 Remain calm and nonconfrontational. Do not
13 speak with or respond to protesters. Avoid any and all
14 physical contact with protesters. Do not -- pardon me --
15 identify your co-worker by name.

16 MR. BOYNTON: Your Honor, the government
17 wants to raise a concern about -- the very issue in the
18 trial brief is raising concerns about this security
19 policy becoming a public record. And we are in open
20 court and parts of that are coming in. I just -- I'm not
21 concerned about what's been expressed so far, but --

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MR. BOYNTON: -- I just don't want more of
24 the policy coming in in this hearing.

25 THE COURT: Yeah. Well, and the policy

1 doesn't need to come into evidence. You can certainly
2 cross-examine her on it.

3 MR. BOYNTON: The government agrees with
4 that, Your Honor.

5 MS. BELL: Well, then that's fine.

6 THE COURT: That solves that problem.

7 MS. BELL: Sure, problem solved. Thank
8 you.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 Okay. The handbill. It's not clear to me
11 how exactly the government intends to use the handbill.
12 It obviously has up to and including imprisonment on it,
13 which is not going to be coming in. And so why don't you
14 tell me exactly how you intend to use it. I don't know
15 if any of you -- I requested that somebody furnish me
16 with a copy of the handbill, so I have it so I know what
17 we're talking about. Go ahead.

18 MR. BOYNTON: Your Honor, I think the most
19 likely way that this is coming in at trial is through the
20 testimony of Caroline Davis, who was familiar with
21 conversations about the handbill and was also familiar
22 with the fact that the handbill was generated before any
23 arrests were made at the carefem clinic that morning.
24 That's pretty significant because the handbill declares
25 that people -- nonviolent protesters were arrested.

1 If that handbill was printed before anyone
2 was arrested, it indicates that there was knowledge
3 beforehand of what was going to take place. The
4 government has -- in its case anticipates just eliciting
5 testimony about the handbill and about that specific
6 issue withing the handbill; that it was generated prior
7 to arrest and talked about people being arrested.

8 The government doesn't want to introduce it
9 as an exhibit at trial. If -- if it was going to be
10 introduced as an exhibit, the government's position is
11 that it would have to be heavily redacted, and we're
12 concerned about what conclusions, if any, that jurors
13 might draw from a document that's heavily redacted.

14 Much of what the handbill discusses is
15 directly related to Your Honor's decision on the
16 government's motion in limine on issues of nullification
17 and relevant evidence. And for that reason we would just
18 ask that it not be able to be used or introduced into
19 evidence in cross-examination of the government's
20 witnesses or through a defense witness. It's
21 inadmissible hearsay.

22 THE COURT: Does anybody intend to use any
23 parts of this?

24 MS. BELL: Your Honor, may I approach
25 again?

1 THE COURT: Sure.

2 MS. BELL: This is, again, this rule of
3 completeness problem, though. The government wants to
4 limit -- I understand the redacting imprisonment out of
5 the handbill, but by even referencing the handbill and
6 what it says, I almost feel like they open the door to
7 placing it in context again. It explains their beliefs.
8 It explains why these people are there and what they're
9 doing.

10 THE COURT: Well, you wait until I rule on
11 some of the video excerpts, okay?

12 MS. BELL: Okay.

13 THE COURT: I think you're going to be able
14 to get your stuff in.

15 MS. BELL: Okay.

16 MR. CRAMPTON: Your Honor, may I be heard
17 as well? Steve Crampton for Mr. Vaughn.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MR. CRAMPTON: Just, again, in the same
20 vein as Ms. Bell's argument, the notion that the
21 government may introduce testimony regarding the handbill
22 but then seek to preclude defense from ever referencing
23 it in cross is simply beyond the pale. So I don't have a
24 specific instance in mind, but I would simply state for
25 the record, we would reserve the right to reference it to

1 the extent the government introduces it in the first
2 place.

3 THE COURT: Well, there certainly could be
4 something appropriate about it on cross-examination, but
5 that's a far cry from admitting it into evidence. So I
6 think we'll just approach that bridge when we come to it.

7 All right. And then just the last question
8 I had was page 7, cross-examination of the defendants.
9 This is awfully vague. I have no idea what you're
10 talking about, about the defendant's whereabouts on a
11 particular date and they're waiving their Fifth Amendment
12 protection from questions on cross about their
13 involvement in any offense on some particular dates.
14 What are you talking about?

15 MR. BOYNTON: Your Honor, the government is
16 concerned about a possibility, and that possibility is
17 that despite Your Honor's ruling on the motion in limine,
18 that a defendant may, understandably, want to take the
19 witness stand and tell their truth, what they believe the
20 story was of what happened at Mt. Juliet that day.

21 That truth may involve a lot of
22 objectionable testimony. It may involve, in the
23 defendant's mind, testimony about defense of others,
24 testimony about how they were called to be there and
25 their purpose there that goes beyond what Your Honor has

1 allowed to be admitted in this trial. Much of this
2 evidence is the type of evidence that the government
3 flagged as having the potential to elicit a nullification
4 decision by the jury.

5 And so the government is concerned that
6 should a defendant take the witness stand, either
7 potentially against the advice of counsel, and want to
8 testify to these things that Your Honor has expressly
9 precluded in the ruling on that motion, fine that they
10 are unable to testify to those things because of
11 sustained objections by the government to the
12 admissibility of such testimony, they are still
13 subjecting themselves, having placed themselves at
14 Mt. Juliet on March 5, 2021, having started to testify
15 about what was happening there, even if the rest of their
16 testimony doesn't come in because of sustained objections
17 by the government, the government still should have an
18 opportunity, under controlling case law in the Sixth
19 Circuit, to cross-examine them about their conduct at the
20 carefem Health Clinic that day.

21 THE COURT: So you're suggesting that it's
22 a wide-open cross of a defendant who decides to take the
23 stand even though what they want to testify about I don't
24 let them testify about. Is that what you're saying?

25 MR. BOYNTON: I don't -- I would not go

1 that far at all, Your Honor, and I don't think it's -- it
2 would be fair for the government to take the position
3 that it should just be a wide-open cross. The cross has
4 to be tethered to what issues their testimony on direct
5 examination had been put at issue and why they were there
6 at the clinic that day, what their conduct was at that
7 clinic.

8 If they begin to testify to some of those
9 things, we're imagining a situation where there's about
10 five or six minutes of introductory testimony about how
11 they got there and what they were doing there and where
12 they went that day. Then if the rest of that testimony
13 is objectionable, the government still gets to ask some
14 questions related to what they were doing there, the
15 purpose of being there, on cross-examination. Frankly --

16 THE COURT: You will be eliciting the
17 testimony you don't want if you ask them why they were
18 there.

19 MR. BOYNTON: Well, Your Honor, I think
20 we'd have the opportunity to ask leading questions, but
21 that is a fair point that there are risks to the
22 government in asking those questions and drawing out the
23 very testimony that the government had previously
24 objected to on direct. But the hope would be that
25 there's a brief opportunity for cross-examination with

1 particularized leading questions to make it clear to the
2 jury that some of the elements of the offenses charged
3 are not actually at issue in this case.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Well, these are calls
5 that I'll have to make at the time.

6 MR. BOYNTON: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Thank you for that further
8 elucidation.

9 And now on these rulings on these video
10 edits. The first issue on the employee video, you-all
11 have agreed that the sound is going to be played. So
12 that one's taken care of.

13 On the Gallagher video, I appreciate that
14 you-all have come to agreements on several of these
15 issues at my urging. I appreciate that. Okay. Video
16 Request No. 1, this is on page 4 the -- this is
17 Ms. Bell's motion, I believe. Let me make sure I
18 understand. In the middle of the page where it says:
19 Mute putting oneself between the child who's about to be
20 slaughtered in this place at the hands of baby killers,
21 that by agreement is being muted out?

22 MS. BELL: I don't think the government
23 wants any of that out. I am -- or any of the whole
24 excerpt in, excuse me. But I am proposing that that
25 excerpt in that paragraph come in and without the putting

1 oneself between the child who's about to be slaughtered
2 at the hands of the baby killers. I think we submitted a
3 video to the Court where that was spliced out.

4 THE COURT: Okay. That was what was not
5 clear to me --

6 MS. BELL: Sorry about that.

7 THE COURT: -- somebody wanted that in. So
8 nobody wants that in.

9 MS. BELL: Per your directive when we had
10 the phone conference last week, I believed that the Court
11 would say that shouldn't be there. So in an effort to
12 propose a video that was tailored to the Court's
13 comments, I suggested this paragraph without that part in
14 it. But I don't believe the government agrees to that
15 paragraph with or without that language.

16 THE COURT: So without that, it would be:
17 What we are doing today peacefully, nonviolently, no
18 damage to property, no injury to others, trying to
19 interpose, and those who are being interpose will protect
20 them. It's time to pray and show this video to other
21 people praying as well.

22 That's out, period. But with that out and
23 the muted part out, does the government still object to
24 that?

25 MS. KLOPF: Yes, Your Honor. This was one

1 that we did not feel necessary that didn't fall under the
2 rule of completeness and wasn't necessary to tell the
3 full story. So while we were willing to make some
4 modifications to the others, this was not one that we
5 were willing to -- to change.

6 THE COURT: All right. Well, I'm going to
7 overrule the government on that and allow this in, except
8 for it's time to pray and show this video to other people
9 praying as well.

10 Trying to interpose, I mean, that -- that's
11 what this case is about. They're putting themselves
12 between.

13 MS. KLOPF: Certainly, Your Honor. And as
14 the Court knows, because I think we've shared a lot of
15 clips with the Court, there are a lot of other clips that
16 capture that. We're just -- we don't have to play all of
17 those clips. And, you know, trying to select out the
18 ones where they don't -- we don't want to look like we're
19 hiding anything from the jury. You know, we've been
20 trying to avoid places where we are muting just because I
21 think -- I think in this day and age as soon as
22 something's muted, people are immediately clued into why
23 is that muted. We've been trying to avoid that.

24 I think we've tried very hard, when counsel
25 has given us requests, to consider them thoughtfully and

1 come back with, you know, a response that we think is
2 appropriate. But that's -- I agree with you, Your Honor,
3 that is what this case is about. I just think there are
4 other clips that capture it where they don't have to be
5 muted. And that in terms of the rule of completeness,
6 the rule of completeness isn't implicated by this
7 particular clip.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Bell, with my ruling
9 that it's time to pray and show this video to other
10 people praying as well, do you still want this in?

11 MS. BELL: Yes. And I want, in candor to
12 the Court -- because how the video will look is that
13 Mr. Gallagher will be making these statements. Then per
14 your order we would take out, it's time to pray and show
15 this. And then they're actually going to pray for about
16 five seconds and then the officer -- or five to 10 seconds
17 and then the officer says, okay, okay, then he starts
18 his, it's time to go.

19 So I want to make sure the Court's aware of
20 that so you're not thinking we're misleading. I think,
21 you know, it's fine to show it that way. I mean, I think
22 the Court knows my position is to let the whole video
23 play and that a picture is worth, you know, a thousand
24 words and really captures the essence of what was
25 happening that day.

1 THE COURT: You're saying that the
2 government is intending to show that -- show that part of
3 the video --

4 MS. BELL: No.

5 THE COURT: -- where it says it's time to
6 pray and show this video --

7 MS. BELL: No. No, they're not.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MS. BELL: I want to make sure that the
10 Court understands what is played on -- what the video
11 depicts. The language -- and Mr. Gallagher standing
12 there saying what Your Honor's just approved. Then he
13 stops -- that kind of stops and the people are singing
14 and praying that are there, and then the officer walks
15 up. And I'm just bringing that to your attention because
16 I don't want us to play it or the government to play it
17 and you be surprised that there is a moment of praying
18 when you just said I don't want the language about
19 praying.

20 THE COURT: There's a whole lot of praying
21 and singing.

22 MS. BELL: I just want to make sure.

23 THE COURT: I'm not really worried about
24 that.

25 MS. KLOPF: I do want to be clear, this

1 particular clip that we've proposed is just a law
2 enforcement officer walking in and saying, basically,
3 please disperse. So it's not that the defendants are, in
4 fact, making any statements here. It is just this law
5 enforcement officer asking them, pretty shortly after
6 they've arrived, to leave. So this isn't like a half
7 statement of what the defendants are saying. We're
8 actually, for this particular clip, not introducing
9 anything.

10 So this will -- if the Court orders this,
11 there will be two different spots that will be muted.
12 The slaughtering mute, and then it would be the time to
13 pray and show people and other people praying. And then
14 the defendants will be able to show themselves praying
15 for multiple minutes -- or seconds, excuse me.

16 So this really expands that clip from
17 simply being a law enforcement officer telling them to
18 disperse into allowing the defendants to show them in the
19 act of praying and all of this other actions and words.

20 THE COURT: I'm not really understanding
21 why that has to be shown.

22 MS. KLOPF: That's what I'm saying. What
23 needs to be shown, the police officer asking them to
24 disperse?

25 THE COURT: No, the praying.

1 MS. KLOPF: That, I believe, is what
2 Ms. Bell is requesting. Our clip is just the law
3 enforcement officer saying disperse. What Ms. Bell is
4 suggesting adding is them -- Mr. Gallagher's words about
5 explaining what he's doing there that day --

6 THE COURT: Yeah.

7 MS. KLOPF: -- and then showing them
8 praying. We are not doing that. It will be the law
9 enforcement officer asking them to disperse. Now, you
10 will see, it's not just honed in on the officer. You'll
11 see the defendants in the picture as well and they will
12 be -- I think -- don't hold me to it because I don't have
13 these memorized, but I think you can see Bibles in the
14 image. So it's not like we're hiding anything. This
15 pretty drastically expands what the intention of that
16 clip is.

17 MS. BELL: It shows the lead-in to the
18 officer coming, Your Honor, is what I would think is
19 important. It shows what they're doing as the officer
20 steps up. I think it captures the essence --

21 THE COURT: All right, I've ruled. If they
22 see people praying, then they see people praying, okay.

23 All right. No. 2 you've agreed to. No. 3
24 has been withdrawn.

25 4. And the defense is -- the shaded part

1 is what you want in and you are going to mute the murder
2 mill in this place of murder, is that what you're saying?

3 MS. BELL: That's correct. Yes. Just of
4 murder. I think we submitted that as well. Just taking
5 out that little part and it's just like a blip in the
6 video. You can see like a little blip where she just
7 sort of cut that little part out.

8 THE COURT: Okay. That will be coming in.
9 You can bring that one in. As long as you excise murder
10 mill and murder.

11 No. 5. The first shaded part I will not
12 allow. The second shaded part I will allow.

13 MS. KLOPF: And actually, Your Honor, we
14 communicated back to counsel that we had further clipped
15 this. So to avoid the rule of completeness issue, we had
16 clipped it down to, listen make no mistake this is not a
17 protest, this is not a demonstration, and it ends there.

18 THE COURT: I see. So you're hoping to
19 avoid the rule of completeness because you've eliminated,
20 these are not acts of civil disobedience, this is
21 obedience of scripture.

22 MS. KLOPF: Yes, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: I see. Well, that -- that's a
24 good point.

25 MS. BELL: I still think it puts it in

1 context. This is not a protest, this is not a
2 demonstration. This is the obedience of scripture
3 following the command of the king who's promised us to
4 that extent that we do the least of his, he will do for
5 us.

6 So he's just explaining, it's not this, but
7 it's this.

8 MS. KLOPF: I mean, this is one of the more
9 concerning statements in there. It's inviting the jury
10 to put the law of God above the law of man.

11 THE COURT: It is. And you've taken out
12 civil disobedience. This will not come in. I agree.
13 It's an invitation to jury nullification. We're going to
14 have enough of that.

15 Okay. No. 6, the earlier shaded things,
16 just step in here so I can, you're literally --

17 MS. KLOPF: We had communicated about this.
18 I think this is a pretty hard clip to hear. We didn't
19 catch this. We had informed counsel that we're going to
20 review their transcript, but this is simply that our --
21 perhaps their ears are better than ours and hadn't caught
22 that. So where our clip ends is right where it says,
23 ma'am, I believe -- I believe it ends right where it
24 says, ma'am, have mercy on your baby, please.

25 Because she says -- this patient says, I'm

1 not going in, this is too much, this even makes me
2 uncomfortable, and walks away. And an unidentified
3 blockader says, ma'am, have mercy on your baby, please.
4 And then the officer says, she has an appointment. And
5 then the officer, where it says unknown speaker, the
6 officer says, did she leave? Okay, well, never mind.

7 And then Gallagher -- they start clapping
8 and Gallagher explains to them that they shouldn't be
9 applauding. We don't believe any of that is necessary.
10 All that needs to be shown is to the point where the
11 woman turns back and walks away. The police officer
12 explaining that she has an appointment isn't necessary.
13 And, again, this -- this is not rule of completeness.
14 This is just Mr. Gallagher getting to introduce his own
15 self-serving hearsay.

16 MS. BELL: And, again, Your Honor, I think
17 this is all putting these -- these moments into context.
18 It's what happened that day. It's how everyone reacted.
19 It shows Mr. Gallagher calming them down. If they cheer
20 or applaud, that is not appropriate, we're being
21 peaceful, this is why we're here. And I think that
22 that's fair. It's just a fair representation of what
23 happened that day.

24 THE COURT: It is not coming in under the
25 rule of completeness. So that's out.

1 7 you've stricken.

2 8. First of all, what is the -- I think
3 it's the defense argues the relevance of the -- of the
4 time where he says we have five minutes to discuss that.
5 And then I'm going to go back with Paul. Who made that
6 argument? Was it you, Ms. Bell?

7 MS. BELL: Yes. Again, I think it's
8 putting things in context. They're not out there long.
9 This is -- you'll see as we --

10 THE COURT: It's four hours. They show up
11 at 7:30, don't they? And it's not over until 11:30.

12 MS. BELL: They show up 7:45, 7:30. They
13 are, I believe, arrested before 11:00. And the
14 government might correct me if I'm wrong. The clinic
15 opens back up. It is not that long. It is not quite as
16 long as it seems.

17 The same thing -- you know, I think
18 Your Honor's thinking we're asking to put on six or seven
19 hours of video. We're asking to put on one video that's
20 about an hour and 40 minutes. And I know Your Honor's
21 made your ruling, but it's not as long, it is very
22 orderly. That is going to be part of our defense. They
23 negotiate everybody leaving. It's very --

24 THE COURT: Minding the police is not a
25 defense to a criminal charge. Cooperating with the

1 police is not a defense to a criminal charge. It's very
2 nice. It shows they're nice people. It's not a defense.

3 MS. BELL: I think it goes to some of the
4 elements of harassment, whether or not they were
5 harassing that day, their demeanor that day, all these
6 different things. I'm not saying that being cooperative
7 with the police is a defense, but it is showing what
8 happened that day. I'm not saying they committed a
9 criminal charge at all.

10 THE COURT: I'm sure you aren't.

11 MS. BELL: They were there acting
12 appropriately, standing up for a cause that they believe
13 strongly in.

14 THE COURT: And you're going to have plenty
15 of opportunity for everybody to see that, Ms. Bell.

16 MS. BELL: But, see, with all due respect,
17 Your Honor, we're not, because they're not going to see
18 any of the video. Again, it comes back to this idea that
19 the videos capture the essence of what happened that day.
20 And the government wants to take little teeny blurbs of
21 it. And for some reason -- if our clients are so guilty,
22 just play the video and let the jury decide. But
23 anything that's somewhat favorable to them or pushes back
24 on their theory they want excised from the jury's
25 consideration.

1 I'm not trying to argue with the Court, I'm
2 trying to represent Mr. Gallagher. But to me it's just
3 kind of astounding that we have all of this video
4 coverage and we're literally going to see a couple
5 seconds when it's over and done with.

6 So I'll respect the Court's ruling, I'll
7 note my objection. I think this puts things in context.
8 They're negotiating with the police right away to handle
9 what happened.

10 MS. KLOPF: And just so the record's clear,
11 I think the Court is very clear on this, but we're not
12 just playing seconds of this. We're playing 39 clips. I
13 expect, unfortunately, it will actually feel very long
14 once we're all through with that. But we are simply just
15 trying to present our case within the bounds of the Rules
16 of Evidence.

17 THE COURT: So the government is going to
18 play the first paragraph.

19 MS. KLOPF: Yes, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Gallagher saying, and
21 so-and-so will make this clear, Paul -- by the way,
22 Pastor Paul, of all things you could have wanted to
23 witness today except this amazing worship going on, which
24 this part is to hear how well Paul engaged the police.

25 And Mr. Zastrow says, praise the Lord. And

1 Mr. Gallagher says, I was so overjoyed to be with you.
2 Thank you... Okay, we have five minutes to discuss that
3 and then I'm going to go back with Paul and we're going
4 to report to the police what we found out.

5 So why can't we just have -- take out those
6 three middle sections and just add the last one? That's
7 what you want to talk about is engaging with the police.
8 And the government's showing that you're engaged with the
9 police. What's the harm in having Mr. Gallagher, okay,
10 we have five minutes to discuss that, then I'm going to
11 go back with Paul and we're going to report to the police
12 what we found out. Can you agree to that?

13 MS. KLOPF: We can add that -- it will be a
14 distinct clip just so we don't have to do the muting, but
15 we will add that.

16 THE COURT: All right. So you're going to
17 get that last paragraph, Ms. Bell, but not the three in
18 between which have nothing to do with anything.

19 No. 9, again, is this the government simply
20 not hearing things that others are hearing?

21 MS. KLOPF: Yes, Your Honor. And also just
22 so the Court knows, we provided transcripts to counsel
23 and asked for corrections. We just haven't gotten any
24 feedback on them yet. Otherwise we would have
25 incorporated these and reviewed these with the aid of --

1 you know, the additions that they've got here.

2 The last line on page 12 of the motion is
3 what we are not including. Praise God for this rescue.
4 Praise God, faithful blowfish. It will stop at blowfish
5 are leaving. If you watch the clip, there's actually a
6 little bit of a pause. It's a reasonable place to stop.
7 It doesn't reference praising God for this rescue. It
8 just ends it at the blowfish are leaving.

9 THE COURT: Yeah. And I'm sure Ms. Davis
10 will be explaining what blowfish -- what she means by
11 that.

12 MS. KLOPF: Yes, she will.

13 THE COURT: And we don't need to have
14 praise God for this rescue, so that's out. Those last
15 two sentences are out.

16 All right. That's the Gallagher.

17 On the Vaughn, the first two clips I'm not
18 going to allow.

19 MR. CRAMPTON: Your Honor, excuse me, it's
20 only two clips.

21 THE COURT: I thought there was a third one
22 on page 3.

23 MR. CRAMPTON: No, it's just a repeat of
24 the first excerpt.

25 THE COURT: Oh, I'm sorry. All right. Let

1 me see what I was thinking, then. You agreed to remove
2 the we had, I believe, nine adults and four children --
3 you've agreed to remove that.

4 MR. CRAMPTON: Yes.

5 THE COURT: So it would be, we came into
6 the building, we sat down at the door peacefully and
7 nonviolently, laid down our freedoms and said that if
8 babies were going to die here today, that it was going to
9 be necessary they had a Christian witness, that someone
10 would show them an act of kindness, act of love and try
11 to save that little baby's life.

12 That is an invitation to jury
13 nullification, and I'm not going to allow that.

14 And we do not need the further
15 explanation -- first of all, local people that are out on
16 the sidewalk regularly. That's injecting something
17 totally irrelevant. And he already says we're from other
18 places and Lebanon, that's enough. So that doesn't
19 really add anything. So nothing additional on the
20 Vaughn.

21 And on the Boyd, it's a little inconsistent
22 for the government to take the position it's taking, but
23 I understand why they are with Boyd, because he didn't
24 blockade any doors. He's just filming. And so in order
25 to show his intent, you need in this statement: So what

1 you got here is a mom is coming to kill her baby.

2 Correct?

3 MS. KLOPF: Exactly, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: And I'm going to allow that in.

5 MR. HAYMAKER: May I be heard, Judge?

6 THE COURT: Sure.

7 MR. HAYMAKER: I think it would be
8 different -- clearly the statement is prejudicial. It
9 may also be probative as the government points out. I
10 think it would be different if there were no other
11 evidence suggesting why these people were here and why
12 Mr. Boyd was there. I think everybody -- it's going to
13 be very clear why they are there.

14 Because of that, I think this just adds to
15 the cumulative evidence that already exists as to why
16 they're there. I don't think that's going to be a secret
17 to anyone. And I think it just -- so I think the
18 prejudice is -- outweighs the probative effect. Judge,
19 you've already ruled that --

20 THE COURT: I have. You haven't convinced
21 me to reverse my ruling, but thank you.

22 MR. HAYMAKER: Thank you, Judge.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 I will be issuing a written decision as
25 soon as I go back to chambers on the motion for

1 protective order. The clinic employees will be allowed
2 to testify under pseudonym, but not the patient. It's a
3 totally different rationale, and you've given me some
4 strong evidence about people who work in these clinics.
5 But the -- nothing additional about the patient.

6 MS. BELL: Your Honor, just for the record,
7 can we note our objection? That was a pleading that we
8 got yesterday at noon right in the middle of everything
9 that I thought was quite a distraction. We didn't even
10 get an opportunity to investigate any of the allegations
11 in that, nor did we get an opportunity to file a timely
12 response.

13 Moreover, the lawyers that filed it never
14 even called us to try to work something out as required
15 by the rules. So I would just note my objection to the
16 Court's ruling for the record.

17 MR. CRAMPTON: Your Honor, if I may add to
18 that by the way, we were issued, I think, your written
19 decision on this issue moments before we began this
20 afternoon. In addition to Ms. Bell's objections, we
21 would also note for the record that in that civil case
22 brought by carefem, they actually submitted into evidence
23 documents containing the names of presumably one of the
24 clinic employees that now seeks anonymity in this case.
25 They also submitted a declaration from the doctor

1 himself. No attempt to obtain a protective order to seek
2 anonymity in any fashion.

3 And to date one of the things those
4 declarations are completely silent about is any adverse
5 action taken by anyone, let alone by the defendants in
6 this case, against any of those individuals whose
7 identity were already revealed. So we would object, as
8 Ms. Bell, and ask the Court for an opportunity to perhaps
9 brief this matter.

10 THE COURT: You can brief the matter. You
11 can brief the matter. You might convince me otherwise.

12 MR. CRAMPTON: Okay, thank you.

13 THE COURT: I thought it was important to
14 get a ruling out since the trial is in a few days. I
15 will certainly hear -- consider any response.

16 MR. CRAMPTON: Thank you.

17 THE COURT: And you can call it a motion to
18 reconsider, if you wish. If the government wants to file
19 a response, you better do it quickly.

20 Okay. So I hadn't realized that that
21 actually got out before the hearing. All right.

22 We have spent a significant amount of time
23 on instructions. And I'm going to distribute to you now
24 the core instructions. We have seen all your submittals,
25 all your objections and your responses -- you can

1 distribute them. And this is going to be my first draft
2 of the core instructions. Of course, it doesn't have all
3 the standard stuff, which I will add. And I don't want
4 to hear any argument or anything about it right now.
5 It's just for your edification and we will discuss it at
6 a later time.

7 I'd like to see if there's any revised
8 estimate of how long it's going to take to try. Try as I
9 might, I can't envision how this is going to take two
10 weeks.

11 MS. KLOPF: That is on my to-do list to
12 discuss with the Court today.

13 THE COURT: Good.

14 MS. KLOPF: We're struggling a bit trying
15 to figure out how long cross will take, given six defense
16 counsel. We've pared our list down back to ten
17 witnesses. If jury instruction -- I'm sorry. If jury
18 selection really does take just Tuesday and we do
19 openings Wednesday morning, we actually think that there
20 is a chance, I don't know how big of a chance, but that
21 we could even be done with our proof by Thursday
22 afternoon.

23 Now, that anticipates, like, very limited
24 cross. And I think that's probably incorrect, but given
25 the Court's recent rulings, you know, limiting what can

1 be crossed about and things like that, I actually think
2 there's a pretty solid chance that Friday we could be
3 closing our proof. That's ambitious --

4 THE COURT: That certainly cuts it back
5 significantly. When we're picking the jury, we've got to
6 be -- you know, I don't want to tell them it's going to
7 be a two-week trial if, in fact, it's going to be, you
8 know, a week.

9 MS. KLOPF: No. With six defendants, we
10 don't know how many might testify. We don't know if
11 there might be a bit of a rebuttal case that we put on.
12 And I would anticipate deliberations taking a while,
13 frankly.

14 THE COURT: Yeah.

15 MS. KLOPF: But all that said, I do think
16 we could very comfortably tell the jury that they will be
17 hopefully done by the end of the second week.

18 THE COURT: Okay. And let me ask, in terms
19 of voir dire, first of all, are you delegating that to
20 one of your counsel as opposed to having six people ask
21 questions?

22 MR. PARRIS: No, Your Honor. I think what
23 we've done is we've taken what you would see in just
24 about any voir dire and broken it down for each person to
25 do a certain section, like Fifth Amendment, right to

1 testify or not testify or right against
2 self-incrimination, in order so that we don't duplicate
3 anything.

4 THE COURT: Good.

5 MR. PARRIS: While I'm up on that -- and
6 I'm not jumping up and down screaming about this, but I
7 think you ought to -- think you ought to. That's a bad
8 way to put it.

9 I would suggest to the Court to reconsider
10 this idea of no individual voir dire. And I don't mean
11 individual voir dire of every juror. I'm talking about
12 there are going to be -- I think Questions 27 and 28, you
13 know, how important is abortion to you. The nines and
14 tens are going to have to be questioned.

15 And this is not a death penalty case, I
16 know, but this is where I've done most of it. Every time
17 I've had a death penalty, we always did that. And
18 you're, quote/unquote, death qualifying a jury. Well,
19 like the first rule of that is you want to -- when you
20 identify that person who has a problem and is questioning
21 whether or not they can follow the law, you want to do
22 that at sidebar because you don't want everybody else to
23 hear the answer that gets you out. That's one. You can
24 get a run. As soon as some of the jurors find out what
25 the answer to the question is that gets me out of here,

1 they're going to do it. Some of them will.

2 And in a lot of ways this case is the same.

3 As soon as they get a whiff of what this is about, I
4 think a lot of people are not going to want to have
5 anything to do with this. So that's one thing.

6 And there's another reason, and that's --
7 I've haven't gone through all of them yet, but I know at
8 least two of the jurors that I've seen at this point I'm
9 sure the government's going to want to strike for cause,
10 and I don't think the information in the questionnaire
11 itself is enough. It says something to the effect -- I
12 wish I would have brought it with me, but is there
13 anything about this case is that might cause you
14 problems. Might --

15 THE COURT: Sort of the last question, I
16 think.

17 MR. PARRIS: 27, Question 27. Well, I
18 would like an opportunity to rehabilitate that juror just
19 like I have in every other trial I've ever had. If you
20 want me doing that in front of everybody, I'll do it, but
21 I think that's dangerous. And I think if we narrow it
22 down to -- because I'm pretty sure -- I don't want to
23 speak for the government for sure, but I'm pretty sure
24 we're all pretty focused on that one basic issue. That
25 if we limit it to that, we're talking about five minutes

1 for anybody that's a nine or a ten or has volunteered to
2 write something really -- I don't -- volatile might be
3 the name or come out and give their position.

4 Frankly, it was part of my suggestion on
5 the jury form was to not -- purposefully not ask the jury
6 to make -- take a side. Just let us know if it's really
7 important to you. That's somebody you need to kind of
8 question, both sides, both ways.

9 That's one thing I've learned about this is
10 there are really high emotions on both sides. So I want
11 to know just like they want to know. And I also want an
12 opportunity to rehabilitate what I think would be a good
13 juror for me. And I don't think you want me doing that
14 in front of the other 70.

15 THE COURT: Tell me logically how we do
16 that. As I've told you, I've never had to do individual
17 voir dire. I mean, we're going to have a courtroom full
18 of people. I cannot get eight lawyers up here for a
19 bench conference. I mean, maybe we'll have to do it in
20 my chambers. Leave everybody in the courtroom and we go
21 back to my chambers.

22 MS. KLOPF: I spoke to the attorneys who
23 tried the *Maund* trial where they ended up having to do
24 some individualized voir dire. And what I understand is
25 that they also had a questionnaire and they submitted a

1 list to the Court beforehand of people that they thought
2 merited individual voir dire. And then basically the
3 jury pool was kept back in the jury room and then
4 individual jurors were called in and sat in the jury box
5 by themselves while everybody did that narrow voir dire.

6 And so if I would suggest to the Court, I
7 know tomorrow at noon our strikes are due. Perhaps we
8 expand that list and say the ones we think are for cause
9 and then the ones that we think merit individual voir
10 dire. I know we're planning on reaching out to counsel
11 to see how much we can mesh those lists together, but
12 maybe we try and do it that way.

13 THE COURT: I think it's a great idea.

14 MR. PARRIS: That's exactly how I've done
15 it before. I will say this: I'm hopeful, but I don't
16 expect there's going to be a lot of agreement on -- and I
17 think I've seen a couple that clearly had hardships at
18 home, I think one gentleman -- but there's not going to
19 be any agreement on anything else. So that's why I'm
20 bringing this up. That really needs to be vetted out
21 before you bring everybody in. And then once they're in,
22 it's quick. At least that's my experience.

23 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to ask
24 Ms. Kinkade, I don't know where we would -- there's no
25 place to put hundred and however many people on this

1 floor.

2 MR. PARRIS: No, I think your idea about 70
3 first, break it into two groups of 75 or whatever it is.
4 And then we take the -- we identify who needs to be -- of
5 that 70, probably, from the percentage I'm looking at, if
6 there's 75, maybe 20, about 20 of them you're going to
7 want to bring in for two or three minutes and talk to
8 them. And have that 20 put in the jury room and the
9 rest, everybody else can be waiting downstairs. And it
10 shouldn't take an hour for all 20 to get through the
11 first and then take a break, bring them all back after
12 the first break and then we start with what you would
13 traditionally call voir dire.

14 THE COURT: So you're suggesting we do
15 individual voir dire first.

16 MR. PARRIS: That's what I would -- if
17 you're asking my opinion.

18 THE COURT: The ones that are problematic.

19 MR. PARRIS: I'd keep it broke up in groups
20 of 75 and hope and pray that we get a jury in the first
21 75.

22 THE COURT: Yeah, we've got two jury rooms
23 we can use. So the ones, depending on how many you think
24 we need individual voir dire, we could put those in the
25 two jury rooms and call them in one at a time. That's a

1 good idea. Do that first.

2 So by Friday -- so you'll give me two
3 lists. You'll give me a list of who you think should be
4 stricken for cause. And then you'll give me a list of
5 who you think needs to have individual voir dire. And
6 would you put the question number that is causing you to
7 want to have individual voir dire with that person.

8 MR. CRAMPTON: I think it's a great idea
9 too, Your Honor. May I just ask, perhaps a little
10 additional time for the questionable jurors since we're
11 concentrating on a tight timeline on the striking for
12 cause. Can we have until the end of tomorrow or Friday
13 morning to get that?

14 MR. PARRIS: I thought you originally said
15 at lunch tomorrow.

16 THE COURT: Oh, it is tomorrow noon, I'm
17 sorry. I'm sorry, it's tomorrow noon. Yeah. Let's see.
18 How about --

19 MR. PARRIS: See, we just got this thing
20 yesterday afternoon.

21 THE COURT: Yeah, I know, I know. Because
22 Monday is a holiday. Can't do anything Monday. What are
23 you suggesting?

24 MR. CRAMPTON: I was thinking, Your Honor,
25 if we could get the strikes for cause by all means, if

1 possible, by tomorrow noon, but then have until early
2 Friday where the ones we think we're going to need
3 additional voir dire for.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Maybe 10 o'clock on
5 Friday or something?

6 MS. KLOPF: If -- hearing what counsel's
7 saying, it sounds like there may not -- there may not be
8 a joint filing. So I don't think that will take --
9 initially I was expecting that to take a while, but
10 perhaps we don't endeavor to -- okay. There may be a
11 joint filing for the hardships, but it sounds like for
12 the other bits -- I think we can do 10:00 a.m. on Friday
13 for the voir dire.

14 THE COURT: For the other ones that you
15 want to do individual voir dire on? Does that work? All
16 right. Good.

17 I mean, you-all have so much to do. Why
18 don't you just give me your individual lists of who you
19 think should be stricken for cause and we'll figure out
20 if you're in agreement about any of them. Okay? Rather
21 than having to have a discussion.

22 MS. KLOPF: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Especially there's skepticism
24 as to whether there's going to be any agreement anyway.
25 So let's not waste time.

1 MR. PARRIS: To cause, but it's going to be
2 a short list. From what I can tell so far, the cause is
3 going to be a very short list.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. PARRIS: But there's going to be a lot
6 of individual -- there's going to be a lot of attempts to
7 rehabilitate. That's my prediction. I promise you I'm
8 going to be doing some.

9 THE COURT: Okay. And then -- Katheryn, we
10 have two things Friday. Ms. Kinkade is going to be
11 fixing up the -- we're adding counsel tables and doing
12 all kinds of stuff.

13 COURTROOM DEPUTY: We could go to the fifth
14 floor.

15 THE COURT: Yeah, that's true. We could go
16 to the fifth floor courtroom to have a meeting about
17 whatever else we need to meet about, including these
18 individual voir dire. Let's do that. The fifth floor
19 courtroom. It's in this part of the building, and it's
20 the extra courtroom. 5D. Friday afternoon I would like
21 to meet and talk about these individual voir dire.

22 MR. PARRIS: Are we going to be able to
23 move this forward just a little? Okay. So it's not
24 going to look like this?

25 MS. KINKADE: It will look different on

1 Tuesday.

2 MR. PARRIS: Thank you.

3 THE COURT: It's going to be moved forward.
4 There's going to be one section added here, one section
5 added there. Vicki, why don't you tell them about how
6 you anticipate everybody being seated and everything.

7 MR. PARRIS: I kind of like Mr. Komisar
8 sitting on the bench.

9 THE COURT: He probably likes sitting
10 there.

11 MS. KINKADE: If any of you were involved
12 in trials in Judge Campbell or one for Judge Richardson
13 back in November, we moved -- when we have multi
14 defendants, we move the table out. It will come out
15 about two feet. We move the government down just a few
16 inches, enough to give room to -- for a person to walk
17 through right there. It gives us more room back here for
18 the defendants and counsel can still communicate, but it
19 pulls it out. In Judge Trauger's courtroom, we are
20 fortunate that we can add two more tables, one here and
21 one on the end down there. And we will add the
22 microphones. And the additional tables will not have the
23 courtroom technology, but we will connect them through
24 what already exists. So you will have a screen for
25 evidence and a microphone.

1 MR. CRAMPTON: Your Honor, have you given
2 us a time Friday afternoon?

3 THE COURT: No, we haven't gotten that far.

4 MR. CRAMPTON: Wasn't sure if we missed it.

5 THE COURT: I'm trying to -- Katheryn, what
6 do we have Friday afternoon?

7 COURTROOM DEPUTY: We have that 4 o'clock
8 telephone conference for one thing. And I'll look at the
9 calendar.

10 (Pause in proceedings.)

11 THE COURT: I'd say 2:30, maybe. 2:30 on
12 Friday in Courtroom 5D. Good, I think that will work.

13 Now, we talked a little bit about this on
14 the phone conference, I think we did, about the reading
15 of the indictment. Didn't we talk about that some? And
16 we were discussing that the Court would read the
17 indictment with Caroline Davis's name included and all
18 the overt acts and all that. At the beginning -- at the
19 beginning of -- not at the beginning of voir dire. Or
20 should I do it at the beginning of voir dire? What do
21 you think? I mean, I have to summarize the indictment
22 for them for the purposes of voir dire, but I don't think
23 I have to read the whole indictment for voir dire.
24 Thoughts?

25 MR. PARRIS: Judge, do you normally read

1 the indictment?

2 THE COURT: No, I don't.

3 MR. PARRIS: I would respectfully --

4 THE COURT: I thought someone requested it.

5 Someone suggested it.

6 MR. PARRIS: I would object to that. I
7 definitely don't want you reading the indictment. I
8 think that would give a negative inference. It would be
9 an inference of validating the indictment. I've never
10 seen a judge read the indictment. It's always the
11 government.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. PARRIS: That's -- you sort of took me
14 aback there.

15 THE COURT: Well, somebody suggested it.
16 And I don't remember who it was.

17 MR. CRAMPTON: Your Honor, as I recall, it
18 was included in an early proposed jury instruction from
19 the government. Isn't that right?

20 MR. BOYNTON: It was in an early --
21 Your Honor, the government's not requesting that
22 Your Honor read the indictment to the jurors in this
23 case.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Let's deal with this
25 now. Is the indictment going to go back to the jury?

1 Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't.

2 MS. KLOPF: Our proposal was baked into the
3 jury instructions that we proposed to the Court where
4 it's a truncated description of the indictment where we
5 stripped out the one language that we flagged in some of
6 the briefing about we're not going forward on a theory of
7 violence. The indictment uses the word violence. That
8 is not included in the jury instructions. So that's our
9 proposal about -- rather than sending back the
10 indictment, just handle it that way with the
11 instructions.

12 THE COURT: Well, we haven't included the
13 indictment -- I mean, we've included the statutes. We
14 haven't included the indictment at all in the proposed
15 instructions. It's got the statutes and the elements and
16 so forth. Well, we can talk about that later in terms of
17 instructions, but.

18 COURTROOM DEPUTY: That Friday thing is
19 just for the lawyers; right?

20 THE COURT: Yeah. The meeting in the
21 courtroom on Friday afternoon at 2:30 is just for the
22 lawyers. It's just counsel. Defendants don't have to be
23 there.

24 All right. I think that's the end of my
25 agenda. Does the government have any additional points

1 to discuss?

2 MS. KLOPF: Just a few quick ones,
3 Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MS. KLOPF: First off, we wanted to let you
6 know that we have already disclosed our witness list
7 under an agreement that the defense counsel would not
8 share those names with their clients or anyone who hadn't
9 agreed at this point. All of the counsel have agreed to
10 that. So they've been provided with all of the witnesses
11 who had been anonymized to this point and their *Jencks*
12 have been identified. I want that to be noted for the
13 record.

14 THE COURT: So they have the names of the
15 witnesses.

16 MS. KLOPF: Exactly. They had already --
17 because of that -- because of the third party motion, we
18 were trying to be cognizant of that when we provided that
19 information, but -- so that's how we did it under
20 agreement. If the Court would like, we could file
21 something under seal as well. I do want the record to
22 reflect that as of today, every single defense counsel
23 have been provided with that list.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MS. KLOPF: I just want that to be on the

1 record.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MS. KLOPF: In terms of exhibits, we're
4 going to incorporate today's rulings into the exhibits
5 and make those changes. Our goal is to have them on a
6 flash drive to give counsel on Thursday. It may be
7 Friday because sometimes making clips take a little
8 longer, it just depends. But I just want that to be
9 flagged for the record that we're trying to get exhibits
10 to everybody before trial.

11 We will be using one demonstrative that
12 kind of pulls the Facebook communications together.
13 That's in almost final form. We're going to try and
14 provide that to counsel either this evening or tomorrow.

15 There's just two -- just housekeeping
16 stuff. Caroline Davis has changed her last name. She's
17 indicted in this case as Caroline Davis. I think all of
18 the reports call her Caroline Davis. Or Caroline Davis,
19 excuse me. And I think all the defendants know her as
20 Caroline Davis.

21 I expect that I will just call her Caroline
22 Davis, but I wanted to flag for the Court -- we'll
23 probably ask her that she's changed her name, but we
24 probably will call her Caroline Davis, even though that
25 is not her legal name anymore. I just wanted to flag

1 that for you.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MS. KLOPF: Lastly, as this Court, I think,
4 knows, there's some safety concerns about this case.
5 We're taking some steps with witnesses to ensure that
6 everybody's safe. We just wanted to flag for the Court,
7 we may not make use of the ante rooms like we would in a
8 normal trial where we have witnesses just waiting there.

9 So it's not going to be with every witness,
10 but we would just ask for the Court to bear with us if
11 there's a little bit more of a lag while they're being
12 escorted down from our office. Normally we try to --

13 THE COURT: Up from your office. We keep
14 saying that too.

15 MS. KLOPF: What has it been, like, two
16 years, and I'm still -- I don't know if I'll ever shake
17 that.

18 Last but not least, I just ask the Court --
19 I know the Court is very well aware of all the safety
20 issues that we're trying to deal with, but that no
21 photographs be allowed in the courtroom. There's already
22 been one taken today. I don't know what of, but one of
23 the defendants has taken a picture. I saw -- the team
24 saw the flash go off. Mr. Paul Vaughn took a photo
25 earlier today. We flagged it for the marshals. I would

1 ask the Court that if that picture was of anyone in this
2 courtroom that it be deleted or that the Court review it.
3 There are --

4 THE COURT: Who took the photo?

5 DEFENDANT VAUGHN: I did, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Let me see the photo.

7 MR. CRAMPTON: He has already deleted it.
8 We have addressed it. He was unaware of the rule. We've
9 explained it to him. The marshals explained it to him.
10 Photo no longer exists, there will be no more photos.

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 We are posting a special notice outside the
13 courtroom that says that there's to be no demonstration
14 of agreement or disagreement with any testimony by head
15 movements or certainly anything said or hand movements or
16 anything else; that cell phones may not be used in the
17 courtroom, period, paragraph. And if the court security
18 officers see a cell phone, the person will be asked to
19 leave.

20 And, of course, nothing can be recorded in
21 the courtroom by cell phone or any other means. And that
22 will be clearly posted outside. I understand for
23 Judge Campbell's trial he actually distributed that
24 notice individually to people in the courtroom. I hope I
25 don't have to do that. But that's one thing we've done

1 to deal with that.

2 MS. KLOPF: With that, Your Honor, I think
3 that -- let me just check with my trial team -- okay.
4 That's all we had on our to-do list.

5 THE COURT: Let me hear from any defense
6 counsel.

7 MR. PARRIS: Just briefly, Judge. And that
8 is just so I don't forget and it's for Mr. Crampton as
9 much as you, because he's going to file something today.
10 As for the pseudonyms, one of the...

11 As for the pseudonyms, I just want to bring
12 back up the issue -- I just want to put it in your head.
13 First of all, I respect if there's a genuine threat to a
14 witness, I get that. I have no problem with that.
15 Frankly, I question whether there is. And I know they're
16 not from these people. I already know that.

17 THE COURT: The concern is not just from
18 the defendants, as you well know.

19 MR. PARRIS: I get that, and I totally get
20 it. But I do -- I'm trying to think of a way to
21 safeguard this so if somehow or another it comes up and
22 this jury finds out that they're testifying under
23 pseudonyms, I mean, I'll be the first to ask for a
24 mistrial. Now I hear that Caroline Davis has changed her
25 name. If it comes out that she's changed her name, I'll

1 be the first to ask for a mistrial.

2 THE COURT: Well, she got married. What's
3 the problem?

4 MR. PARRIS: Okay.

5 THE COURT: Isn't that what you said?

6 MS. KLOPF: She got divorced.

7 MR. PARRIS: I didn't understand that. I
8 didn't understand that.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. PARRIS: I didn't understand that.

11 THE COURT: She didn't change her name to
12 protect herself.

13 MR. PARRIS: I thought this was in the
14 context of fear, I've changed my name. I'm fine with
15 that. But I still have the issue of, you know, these
16 witnesses are from this area. And if we're going to have
17 150 jurors -- I mean, it is a small chance, but is there
18 a chance one of them knows them.

19 THE COURT: Well, we provided for
20 photographs to be shown.

21 MR. PARRIS: I'll sit down then.

22 THE COURT: That's right in my order, which
23 apparently you haven't had a chance to read yet.

24 MR. PARRIS: I missed it, I'm sorry.

25 THE COURT: Okay. And the government is

1 going to provide photos that will be displayed.

2 MR. CRAMPTON: Your Honor, just one other
3 comment regarding the government's disclosure of the
4 witness list. We appreciate that. I would note that it
5 is just in alphabetical order so we have not been
6 apprized of the order in which they intend to call them.
7 I understand that there's trial strategy involved and so
8 forth, but obviously it would help matters to move along
9 to the extent we had some idea of who was going to be
10 testifying in what order.

11 THE COURT: I make them reveal that as we
12 go along. I will say who are your first three witnesses,
13 and then when we break for the evening, who's testifying
14 tomorrow. And so that does cause me to ask the
15 question -- I thought I'd asked it, but I don't think I
16 have. Are you splitting up the witnesses so that we
17 don't have six lawyers cross-examining every witness?

18 MR. PARRIS: Generally, yes. I mean, I
19 think we all reserve the right to cross-examine if we
20 need it, but we each have specifically taken a group.

21 THE COURT: Good.

22 MR. PARRIS: And I think that this group's
23 probably going to be thorough enough, I doubt there will
24 be a whole lot of overlap, if any.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

1 MS. BELL: Yes, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Wait.

3 MS. KLOPF: Our paralegal, who is much more
4 technologically savvy than I, reminded me that I need to
5 verify that the photo was deleted from the recently
6 deleted folder. Because I guess photos can still be
7 saved if they've been recently deleted. So I just -- I
8 would like to ensure that there was taken --

9 THE COURT: Has it been double deleted,
10 Mr. Crampton?

11 DEFENDANT VAUGHN: I will make sure it is
12 completely gone.

13 THE COURT: And so will your lawyer.

14 MR. CRAMPTON: Yes, Your Honor.

15 MS. BELL: Couple housekeeping, Your Honor.

16 So the first thing that we had talked
17 about, the defense lawyers together, is if we could get
18 the rough drafts every day from the court reporter.

19 THE COURT: I don't know. Not -- rough
20 drafts?

21 MS. BELL: That's what she told me they're
22 called, dailies is what --

23 THE COURT: That's between you and her.

24 MS. BELL: All right. That's easy.

25 I'm going down -- we just talked about the

1 mechanics of the cross-examinations and how we've divided
2 them up. What I would further ask that we had discussed
3 is that whoever the lawyer is that is the lead, it
4 wouldn't necessarily start with me each time since I'm
5 defendant 1. Is it okay if you can say something to the
6 effect of after the witness testified for the government,
7 okay, who for the defense. And then maybe it's
8 Mr. Haymaker that is taking that particular witness, so
9 he would go first. And then the rest of us would be
10 shorter and just go down the line.

11 THE COURT: Yeah, I wouldn't be calling on
12 each of you. I'll just say cross-examination. And
13 whoever's supposed to do it, stand up. And then I'll say
14 anybody else want to cross-examine.

15 MS. BELL: Perfect.

16 The other thing that we were going to ask
17 is if we could get the room on the second floor during
18 the course of the trial. I think it's the ADR room, is
19 that what it's called? If we can arrange to do that
20 through Ms. Kinkade, I guess is how we would do that, so
21 that we have a space.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MS. BELL: Then there were two sort of more
24 substantive issues that I wanted to address with the
25 Court and clarify. As to the Court order on the motions

1 in limine regarding the criminal trespass issue because I
2 don't want to violate that order, your Honor had ruled
3 that we could not comment that this should be a criminal
4 trespass case or that that was the more appropriate
5 charge I believe is kind of how the order reads.

6 I want to make sure -- I am not going to
7 argue that, I am not going to cross that, but the reality
8 was is that is what these people are arrested for, and so
9 I think that is fair game when the witnesses testify.
10 Because otherwise if the police come in and say, yes, we
11 arrested everyone, we don't want the jury thinking it was
12 for a FACE Act violation or a criminal conspiracy.
13 That's one area where I just want the Court to know that
14 we intend to sort of establish that the arrest was for
15 criminal trespass.

16 THE COURT: Before you go any further,
17 seems logical to me, I don't know.

18 MR. BEAYE: Your Honor, the government has
19 no objection to defense counsel eliciting the fact that
20 the defendants were arrested for criminal trespass.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 MS. BELL: Then another area of
23 cross-examination that may get into that is there have
24 been a lot of reference in the prior testimony of
25 Caroline Davis and in some of the 302s about this idea of

1 risking arrest and talking about FACE and these prior
2 meetings preparing for the rescue.

3 I think that that also is fair game that
4 when they talk about risking arrest, when these people
5 talk about risking arrest, they're talking about
6 disorderly conduct as well. They're talking about things
7 like criminal trespass. It's not necessarily we're going
8 out and risking arrest for FACE.

9 So I think that is -- I think part of how
10 we would establish the cross-examination through
11 Ms. Davis when she's talking about, you know, we were
12 talking about FACE in advance and Mr. Zastrow told me
13 about it, they were talking about how to act
14 appropriately and to avoid risking arrest for things like
15 criminal trespass, FACE, assault, a whole bunch of
16 different things. So we want to be sure that we can
17 cross-examine that witness about the reality of what they
18 were talking about. Does that make sense?

19 THE COURT: Not really. Ms. Klopf?

20 MS. KLOPF: I would object vehemently to
21 that. First of all, I actually don't think that's how
22 the proof will come in. I think the proof will come in
23 that one of the defendants on February 19 was on
24 Cornell's website looking up 18 USC 248. I think there
25 will be proof that multiple defendants actually spoke to

1 others about the FACE Act, how it got -- was instituted,
2 what the penalties were -- well, not what the penalties
3 are, excuse me, but more generally what it is and what it
4 criminalizes. In fact, one of the defendants uses terms
5 of art from it saying, we have two doors to block, things
6 like that. So I think that, frankly, that's not factual.

7 Second off, I think this Court well knows
8 there are multiple crimes that can be committed and
9 someone might have the thought that I am committing this
10 crime, but they're also committing -- they're a felon in
11 possession of a firearm but they're also committing a
12 924(c). They don't need to be cognizant of what crime
13 they are exactly committing in order to do this.

14 Now, obviously mens rea does play into
15 this, but I don't think the kind of arrest that they are
16 risking is in any way relevant. I think what's relevant
17 is the fact that they understand that they are breaking
18 the law, and that by doing so that a police officer may
19 arrest them.

20 MS. BELL: And I think there's going to be
21 a lot of talk about risking arrest. And I think putting
22 that in context with Caroline Davis is fair. If she
23 starts talking about risking arrest and what her
24 expectations were of risking arrest were on this
25 particular day, I don't believe for one second Caroline

1 Davis thought she was risking a FACE Act arrest.

2 If she says the words risking arrest, I
3 think it is fair for each and every one of us to tell --
4 to cross-examine her about, you on that day believed you
5 were risking arrest for criminal trespass and, in fact,
6 you were arrested for criminal trespass. Those are fair
7 questions.

8 And there's going to be a lot of talk
9 about, I believe, how going into a rescue you understand
10 that you are risking arrest potentially, depending on
11 what your conduct is. I just think those are fair
12 questions and they accurately depict what happened in
13 this case, what was discussed, what people's mindset
14 contained.

15 And I just -- I'm bringing this to your
16 attention because of the order about criminal trespass
17 and trying to follow the rules of the Court. I think we
18 all want to and don't want to run afoul of that and
19 streamline the trial as well.

20 THE COURT: Well, I'm trying to figure out
21 if it's relevant what was in her mind about what she was
22 risking arrest for.

23 MS. BELL: I think -- yes, because she's up
24 there -- I think she's going to come up there and
25 testify -- well, I don't know what she's going to say.

1 Maybe we have to cross that bridge when we come to it.
2 But if there is this idea that people in advance were
3 talking about risking arrest, that necessarily -- and
4 there's this suggestion from the government that meant
5 they were going out to do a FACE act violation, right,
6 and that they knew what they were doing, I think it is
7 fair to say that when they were talking about risking
8 arrest, it wasn't -- it wasn't limited to the idea of
9 FACE Act.

10 And the reality was -- and the reality is
11 today, Your Honor -- I don't know if you know this, that
12 nobody really had been criminally charged with the FACE
13 Act, definitely not in this group of people, ever. No
14 one's -- there are not criminal FACE Act charges out
15 there until now, really.

16 THE COURT: Washington, DC had a trial.

17 MS. BELL: No, but this is -- yes. That
18 was after this happened. Prior to March 5, 2021, nobody
19 was being charged with FACE. So when people are talking
20 about we're going out to a rescue and we're risking
21 arrest and these people are very well-educated on the
22 prolife movement and the different kinds of legislation
23 that there is, so, sure, they know what FACE is, they've
24 read FACE. Some of them may know people that have been
25 civilly charged with FACE, but when we're talking about

1 risking arrest and people being responsible when they're
2 going out and taking these rescue activities and doing
3 their advocacy, what they're talking about risking arrest
4 on March 5, 2021, is not for the FACE Act.

5 And I think that if the government is
6 coming in and suggesting because they talked about the
7 FACE Act, that meant they knew they were violating the
8 FACE Act, thus they are guilty, it is fair for us to
9 cross-examine who's testifying about risking arrest on
10 what that really meant.

11 THE COURT: Okay, I understand your
12 argument.

13 MS. BELL: Thank you.

14 MS. KLOPF: Your Honor, I think
15 alternatively, I think actually it's completely unfair
16 and puts that in front of the jury to consider, wait, why
17 were they arrested for trespass, why are we here now. I
18 think the obvious corollary is when someone goes out and
19 robs a local gas station, in their mind they may think, I
20 am risking arrest for a state charge for this. And then
21 they get arrested by the feds for Hobbs Act robbery, a
22 much more significant crime, and they get arrested for a
23 924(c). I mean, you've heard it many-a time on jail
24 call, oh, my gosh, I just got charged with a federal
25 crime; I thought I committed a state crime.

1 None of that is relevant. All that is
2 relevant is, yes, the mens rea of these folks is that
3 they went in understanding, even before they walked in,
4 that they were going to commit a crime and that meant
5 that they were risking arrest. I don't think -- I do
6 think there will be discussion of what they understood
7 about FACE, but I don't think anyone's going to be
8 implying that they were arrested for FACE that day. But
9 I think if we inject the fact that they thought that they
10 were risking arrest for trespassing, which has no
11 relevance to the elements that are charged herein, we're
12 going to quickly get into the area that this Court has
13 already said is completely off limits.

14 MS. BELL: Your Honor, I'm not trying to
15 suggest to the jury what they should have been arrested
16 for or that's what they really did. But the conversation
17 about risking arrest is about avoiding arrest for all
18 kinds of things, right. That if -- I don't want to give
19 my whole defense away, but apparently it looks like I
20 might have to to some degree. If these people are going
21 out to do a rescue and they want to do it safely and they
22 want to advise one another, this is how you do this
23 safely, this is how -- you don't lose your temper, for
24 example, you talk politely to people. We aren't talking
25 over one another, they aren't doing these certain things.

1 You know that if you do certain things, you're risking
2 arrest, okay. You could risk arrest -- you get close to
3 that door, you could risk arrest.

4 Hiding the fact that what they thought and
5 what they believed and what actually really did happen
6 was that they were arrested for criminal trespass, I'm
7 sorry it's a fact that the government doesn't like, but
8 it is the truth. It is what happened. I thought -- I
9 mean -- I mean, this is a search for the truth to some
10 degree.

11 It also brings into how they're planning
12 partially of going over there, I would submit, is
13 cautioning one another about how to behave to avoid
14 arrest, but knowing that if you get close to that line,
15 you risk arrest for certain things. We aren't going to
16 stand up here and say, what they really did was criminal
17 trespass, don't convict them of FACE. That's not the
18 point of this.

19 This is an important fact. This is an
20 important distinction. And the reality of what happened
21 was that day they were arrested for criminal trespass,
22 just like I suspect Caroline Davis would say that's what
23 she thought she was risking arrest for. And I think that
24 that's fair. And I'm sorry it's not helpful to their
25 side of the case and maybe doesn't make the analysis

1 perfect, but there's a ton of facts they have that I
2 don't particularly like either.

3 MS. KLOPF: Your Honor, politeness is not
4 at issue here. What happened here is that these
5 defendants blocked doors for hours, refused to comply
6 with the police officers' directions to move and they
7 intended to do so. They understood that by doing so that
8 they were committing a crime; and that, therefore, they
9 were risking arrest. But delving into what they thought
10 they were risking arrest for invites the jury to consider
11 a whole host of issues that are not relevant to this
12 trial and shouldn't be brought before.

13 And I did just want to make clear that
14 there was a period of time where these weren't happening.
15 You'll actually hear testimony, I believe, that the FACE
16 Act was actually fairly successful in stopping rescues
17 from happening and that they had kind of -- we won't get
18 into that. So the Court knows, they had started ramping
19 up again.

20 THE COURT: I see.

21 MS. KLOPF: That, of course, the Court has
22 already ruled is far out of bounds for any sort of
23 discussion before the jury, but I did want the Court to
24 have that information.

25 MR. THORNTON: May I be heard, Your Honor?

1 THE COURT: Would you put your name on
2 record.

3 MR. THORNTON: This is Steve Thornton for
4 defendant Coleman Boyd. You have ruled in the motion in
5 limine that the government must move the intent of the
6 defendants in conspiring and they must agree to an
7 agreement to commit a crime. The government would have
8 us have evidence come in of an act and then infer
9 circumstantially what their intent was.

10 But if you want to know what their intent
11 is, the United States has a long history of people
12 engaging in peaceful protests and being arrested on a
13 whole host of charges, blocking a sidewalk, disorderly
14 conduct, and on we go.

15 So for these defendants to be talking in
16 advance about what they're risking when they're standing
17 out there either on the sidewalk, out in the parking lot,
18 there are many different aspects of what sort of thing
19 they're risk by engaging in this protected activity.

20 So to prove their intent you say, well,
21 they were talking about risking arrest so, therefore --
22 and they did block a door, so therefore they were
23 conspiring to block the door. Those don't fit together.
24 If they were talking about risking arrest for being
25 arrested on the sidewalk and they're arrested some number

1 -- some of their number's arrested for going inside of a
2 building and sitting inside the door, the government has
3 to prove for each defendant what their intent was
4 specifically and that they agreed specifically to commit
5 a crime. They don't have to know the --

6 THE COURT: No, they need to agree to act
7 together to intimidate a person in the free exercise of
8 the right to supply or seek reproductive healthcare.

9 MR. THORNTON: Thank you. That's the
10 crime.

11 THE COURT: That's what they have to prove.

12 MR. THORNTON: They have to prove it was
13 their intent to do that.

14 THE COURT: To do that. Whether or not
15 they knew it was a crime. Whether or not they knew it
16 was a crime. People are convicted of crimes every day
17 when they didn't know it was a crime. I had one just
18 yesterday. It's against the law to be a habitual user of
19 marijuana and to possess a gun. He didn't know that. He
20 got convicted anyway.

21 MR. THORNTON: Doesn't the Sixth Circuit
22 case law say they have to know it was unlawful? You
23 said he didn't know it was unlawful. They have to know
24 it's unlawful. It would be quite an interesting world if
25 they --

1 THE COURT: People get convicted every day
2 for crimes they didn't know were a crime. That may be a
3 bad example.

4 MR. THORNTON: Well, I would have to submit
5 to you, I don't think that's the precise rulings of the
6 Sixth Circuit, but you may be using language that we can
7 parse. But the defendants have to know that they're
8 doing something unlawful, do they not, to conspire to do
9 something unlawful? They can't conspire to do something
10 unlawful if they don't know it's unlawful. If they think
11 it's legitimate, if they think it's protected activity.

12 THE COURT: And they -- and they are
13 risking arrest, so they know that it's somehow unlawful.
14 They may not know it's a violation of the FACE Act, but
15 if they say they're risking arrest, isn't that an
16 admission that you know it's unlawful?

17 MR. THORNTON: Well, if you know that there
18 are folks who are arrested for, let's say, putting on a
19 display in military uniforms in Houston in 1960s to
20 protest the Vietnam War, you know they did that, the
21 Supreme Court has ruled that was not unlawful at all.
22 But they were arrested and charged. Or *Houston versus*
23 *Hill*, a man speaks to a police officer in a disrespectful
24 way, he's arrested for disorderly conduct. Supreme Court
25 said that's free speech. That's not disorderly conduct.

1 He was arrested.

2 So if our defendants say, hey, we've got
3 *Houston versus Hill*, we've got a long history of
4 people -- Mr. Lewis in Birmingham arrested for disorderly
5 conduct for standing on the sidewalk and making a speech
6 that the government officials didn't like, these people
7 are risking arrest by getting out there and engaging in
8 Second Amendment activity.

9 Just because they agree and understand that
10 they're risking arrest doesn't mean they're agreeing to
11 commit a crime or even do anything unlawful. They might
12 be doing something they genuinely believe -- and the
13 Supreme Court would agree, it's protected activity,
14 they're doing it and they plan to do it. They're not
15 planning on committing a crime or doing anything
16 unlawful, but they may be charged for doing something
17 unlawful even though they don't believe they are.

18 Now, if they say we wouldn't be
19 trespassing. To be trespassing do they not have to go
20 into a place of public business and then he said -- and
21 be told you're not welcome here, leave. Until they're
22 told, you're not welcome here, leave, you must go, they
23 haven't committed a trespass. They're coming at an
24 invitation to come into a public building, public office
25 building or medical plaza. They're doing something

1 perfectly legal.

2 If the -- some -- a tenant says, you're
3 trespassing, leave, at that point they're not welcome,
4 they need to leave. If it doesn't happen, they haven't
5 committed a trespass. But they recognize there's a risk
6 that someone may come out and say you're trespassing,
7 then the risk kicks in.

8 But what were they thinking and planning
9 the day or two before whenever they're talking about
10 risking arrest? Okay, we're going to plan to do
11 something unlawful, we're going to plan to commit a crime
12 even if they don't know it's a crime. This all goes to
13 the intent of the defendants in committing a crime of
14 conspiracy.

15 And so for the government to say, well, if
16 they were talking about anything at all, then they must
17 have been talking about a violation of the FACE Act.
18 Those two don't fit together, Your Honor, I respectfully
19 submit.

20 THE COURT: Thank you.

21 MS. KLOPF: Your Honor, I think the Court
22 well knows, we don't have to say that they were
23 conspiring to agree to a particular crime. What they
24 were conspiring to do here was to violate a protective
25 right. I think the proof will be very clear that they

1 were doing that. I think in the terms of mental state,
2 the fact that they're talking about arrest is very
3 probative of the fact that they understand what they're
4 doing or it's not an accident or mistake or anything like
5 that.

6 Past that what they think, what kind of a
7 crime that they think -- because that is the default, the
8 most likely thing that they will be arrested for is not
9 something that should enter or be considered by the jury.
10 And the serious concern here is that the jury will
11 consider that.

12 THE COURT: I'm going to have to make this
13 call when the examination takes place. I just don't
14 think I can make this in advance.

15 MS. BELL: Fair.

16 MR. HAYMAKER: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Just a minute.

18 I think some of you know, but we're --
19 they're predicting some inclement weather Sunday, Monday
20 Tuesday. And, you know, we will deal with it if it
21 comes. If it comes. They often say we're getting these
22 things and we don't get them. So if the court is not
23 open on Tuesday, the court will be open on Wednesday or
24 whenever. So, you know, you will hear whether or not we
25 are open.

1 MR. CONWAY: Your Honor, to that aspect.
2 Will Conway for Ms. Heather Idoni. She's the only person
3 that's in custody right now. They have her at Grayson
4 County. I know several of the attorneys here have been
5 to that jail. It's not the easiest jail to access if
6 there is inclement weather. I would ask if Your Honor
7 has the authority, if she can ask the marshals to move
8 her closer to Nashville.

9 THE COURT: I've already addressed that,
10 and the marshals say that Grayson County is probably the
11 best place for her. The Davidson County jail, we have no
12 contract that covers female defendants in Davidson
13 County. So there's no place to house her here. That's
14 what I thought we should do, house her here, but
15 apparently we don't have a facility that the marshal has
16 a contract with that can house a female.

17 And then the closer jail, apparently the
18 personnel at Grayson are better getting people here on
19 time and so forth. So the marshals think Grayson County
20 is the best place for her. Can I just ask why is she
21 still in custody?

22 MR. CONWAY: She's awaiting sentencing on
23 the Washington, DC case. There were several
24 interlocutory appeals that were happening about them
25 being taken into custody directly after the verdict,

1 which pushed sentencing off. So sentence has just been
2 prolonged and prolonged.

3 THE COURT: So she's still on release (sic)
4 before sentencing? She hasn't been sentenced in DC.

5 MR. CONWAY: She has not been sentenced in
6 DC. The Judge found basically sua sponte that it was a
7 crime of violence, and upon that finding she took all of
8 the defendants into custody pending sentencing.

9 THE COURT: I see.

10 MR. CONWAY: There were several appeals in
11 between that, which kept postponing everything.

12 THE COURT: I see.

13 MR. CONWAY: She has not been sentenced.

14 THE COURT: I see, okay.

15 MR. RUSS: Your Honor, I did have one
16 question on behalf of Mr. Green. Ben Russ. He'd asked
17 me about any kind of seating or what the Court's policy
18 about family or friends that were going to be in the
19 courtroom. Some of the defendants, including Mr. Green,
20 have very large families, and I didn't -- I've said I
21 knew it was going to be open to the public and, of
22 course, other rules apply. But I didn't know if the
23 Court was going to restrict the number of people that
24 could attend.

25 THE COURT: We are not having an overflow

1 courtroom. I doubt we will have any room for any
2 spectators during jury selection.

3 MR. RUSS: I told him that, yes.

4 THE COURT: And it will be first come first
5 serve. I'm not going to reserve half of the gallery for
6 family members, I'm sorry. Anything else, anybody?

7 MS. BELL: Your Honor, I have one last
8 thing. I did want to ask the Court if I can, in brief
9 voir dire, talk to the jury about my visual problem
10 because sometimes during trials I don't see things, I
11 trip over things, I bump into things.

12 THE COURT: I've never noticed that.

13 MS. BELL: Well, Mr. Crampton, I didn't see
14 his hand when he reached out to have me shake it at
15 first. It's just something I want to just spend a half
16 second -- or you can tell them, but I don't want them,
17 when one of the lawyers over here comes to hand me a
18 piece of paper and I just sit there -- because I see
19 here, I don't see here. So just being able to briefly
20 just say, I've got this issue, you know, if you see me
21 bump into something, I promise I'm paying attention.

22 THE COURT: Do you have any objection?

23 MS. KLOPF: I think in *United States versus*
24 *Justice* we handled something kind of similar with our
25 defense counsel and I think it came from the Court.

1 MS. BELL: And that's fine.

2 MS. KLOPF: I don't know if you recall, our
3 defense counsel was having a health condition where his
4 face turned red occasionally.

5 THE COURT: Oh.

6 MS. KLOPF: You just said something very
7 quickly in passing to the jury, and I think we kind of
8 dealt with it that way. Our preference was just, no
9 offense, Ms. Bell, that it come from the Court as opposed
10 to Ms. Bell.

11 MS. BELL: No, that's fine.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And what would you have
13 me say --

14 MS. BELL: Just Ms. Bell's one of the
15 lawyers here, she has low vision. She might bump into
16 things. Yeah, she's got a visual impairment, however you
17 want to say it. So sometimes she'll bump into things or
18 something along those things. I bump into things, I trip
19 over things. I don't see -- you know, it can be -- I one
20 time in court -- I clip the tables a lot, and I did that
21 during a prelim and everybody winced.

22 THE COURT: Clipped the table?

23 MS. BELL: With my hip. I won't clear it.

24 THE COURT: Ouch.

25 MS. BELL: So I do things like that. So I

1 just don't -- the last trial I had, I just got up and
2 told them. And it was fine, so. If you want to tell
3 them, you can tell them.

4 THE COURT: I'll say something.

5 MS. BELL: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: If I don't, just give me a
7 heads-up, tell me to do it.

8 MS. BELL: Sure.

9 THE COURT: Anything else? All right.

10 MS. KLOPF: Nothing from the government.

11 THE COURT: Thank you all. And we will see
12 you Friday afternoon at 2:30 in courtroom 5D. And
13 Ms. Beasley has that look on her face like I've forgotten
14 something. What about? Yes, I need a court reporter for
15 that hearing.

16 Thank you, folks. We're in recess.

17 (Whereupon, at 3:24 p.m. these were all of
18 the proceedings had in the above-captioned cause on the
19 above-captioned date.)

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